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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: A petition for an extension of time for one-month is attached hereto

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.